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For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, with traverse, sub-species Ai, drawn to heating the adhesive coated scrim by passing it through an oven and heating the vinyl layers by passing them through an oven. It is noted that the Examiner has stated that she will be examining sub-species Ai based on election by original presentation.

Species B, drawn to a method for removing the adhesive from the interstices between the warp and fill strands of the scrim.

Sub-species Bi (claims 21-22) drawn to removing the adhesive from the interstices by forcing air or other fluids through the interstices.

Sub-species Bii (claims 18 and 23-25) drawn to removing the adhesive from the interstices by passing the scrim between a pair of rollers to squeeze the adhesive out.

If Applicant elects sub-species Bii, a further sub-species election must be made from:

Sub-species Biix (claim 24) drawn to the roller having small bumps on its surface.

Sub-species Biiy (claims 18 and 25) drawn to the roller having grooves on its surface.

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the adhesive from the interstices by passing the scrim between a pair of rollers to squeeze the adhesive out.

Since Applicant has elected sub-species Bii, Applicant further elects, with traverse, Sub-subspecies Biiy drawn to the roller having grooves on its surface.

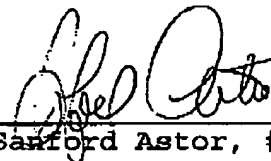
Election of Sub-species Ai, Sub-species Bii and Sub-subspecies Biiy, requires examination of claims 1-19, 23, and 25-27.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Sanford Astor (Reg. No. 20,748) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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